

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action rejects claims 1, 2, and 4 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over SVENSSON et al. in view of OZAKA. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

Of the rejected claims, applicant has canceled claims 2 and 4. Applicant has amended claim 1 to explicitly recite features of the embodiment that corresponds to the sample display illustrations in Figures 2A-2E and 3A-3E. As illustrated in these drawing figures and described in the present specification, the portable telephone of the present invention is capable of listing a number of unique identifiers, each corresponding to an information set that is stored in either the internal memory or the external memory of the phone.

By way of example, the information sets illustrated and described relate to received mail messages. Further by way of example, each unique identifier in the illustrated embodiment comprises a date in the form of month and day and a title.

Figures 2A-2E and 3A-3E represent the display of the mobile telephone following a sequence of actions by the user. In the first set of drawings, the user takes the steps necessary to transfer the information set identified by the unique identifier

"8/01 TITLE 1" to the external memory. As illustrated in Figure 2E, this results in a modification of the display as compared to that of Figure 2B, such that the unique identifier corresponding to the transferred information set now includes an indicia, the letter "S" in the illustrated example. As a result, the display of the plurality of unique identifiers, each corresponding to a distinct information set, now includes an indicia to clearly and visually allow the user to distinguish between those mail messages stored in the internal memory versus those stored in the external memory.

Neither the primary SVENSSON reference nor the secondary OZAKA reference teaches or suggests the set of features now recited in independent claim 1. The SVENSSON patent, while disclosing a mobile telephone capable of accepting an external memory and capable of allowing a user to transfer messages from the internal memory to the external memory, in no way teaches or suggests that the user be presented with a list of identifiers corresponding to the respective messages, with such display including an indicia associated only with those stored in the external memory.

As the Official Action acknowledges on page 4, the prior art does not show that information is displayed from both the internal and external memory units. On the contrary, displayed information is based on selection wherein one message/item is selected at a time.

Corresponding to claim 1, applicant has added new claim 10 depending from claim 1. Claim 10 further recites that a second indicia, different from the first, is displayed only with each unique identifier that corresponds to an information set stored in the internal memory. Similarly, new independent claim 11 is similar to amended independent claim 1, but instead recites that the indicia is displayed only with each unique identifier corresponding to an information set stored in the internal memory unit.

The Official Action rejects claim 3 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the previous combination of references, and further in view of OWA et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

The secondary OWA et al. reference is offered only for its asserted teaching or suggestion of a mobile station that displays roads in different colors with such colors being associated with information sent to the mobile device. While the OWA et al. reference may teach or suggest that for which it is specifically offered, it nevertheless fails to properly combine with the references already considered to teach or suggest the full set of features now recited in claim 3, particularly as now amended.

Amended claim 3, like amended claim 1, now recites the display of a plurality of unique identifiers, each corresponding

to one of the distinct information sets. Instead of the additional indicia illustrated with particular identifiers as in claims 1, 10, and 11, amended claim 3 recites that of the plurality of unique identifiers simultaneously displayed on the display unit, those corresponding information sets in the internal memory are displayed with one color, and those corresponding to information sets stored in the external memory are displayed in a different color. In this way, the user is provided with a clear, visual distinction between the internally stored and externally stored information sets, in a way that is neither taught nor suggested by the applied references, considered either individually or collectively.

The Official Action rejects claims 5-9 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over SVENSSON in view of OZAKA, and further in view of SAXENA et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested for the following reasons:

The additional SAXENA et al. reference is offered merely for its asserted teaching or suggestion of the illustration of separate display areas for separate functions. However, irrespective of the ability of this reference to teach or suggest that for which it is offered, it no more teaches or suggests the full set of features of independent claim 5, particularly in its amended form, than do the references already considered.

As with the amended independent claims already discussed, claim 5 now recites the illustration of a plurality of unique identifiers, each corresponding to one of the distinct information sets, with each information set being stored in either the internal memory or the external memory. Instead of the indicia of claims 1, 10, and 11, and the color coding of claim 3, claim 5 recites that the display unit is controlled so as to separately display the unique identifiers that correspond to the information sets stored in the internal memory as compared to those stored in the external memory.

The Official Action specifically offers the SAXENA et al. reference for the asserted teaching of having separate display areas for separate functions. While this may be the case, the present invention as recited does not create separate display areas based on separate function, but rather based on the particular location where the information set is stored. Applicant therefore respectfully suggests that the applied references, considered either individually or collectively, fail to teach or suggest the present invention as it is now recited.

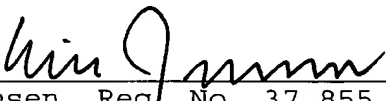
In light of the amendments described above and the arguments offered in support thereof, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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